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AMTRAK ADJUSTS SCHEDULE OF *PERE MARQUETTE* TO ACCOMMODATE TRACK WORK Temporary timings from June 4 to June 21

CHICAGO – Amtrak is temporarily adjusting the westbound schedule for the *Pere Marquette* service on the Chicago-Grand Rapids route to accommodate track work planned by CSX Transportation, the owner of the train's route in Michigan. The temporary schedule will begin June 4 and continue through June 21, 2007.

The westbound *Pere Marquette* (Train 371) will be scheduled to operate one hour earlier from all stations. The eastbound *Pere Marquette* (Train 370) schedule is unaffected. These changes will compensate for anticipated delays due to the track work.

“While we recognize this temporary schedule change might cause some inconvenience for our passengers, they will eventually benefit from the track improvements with a smoother ride and improved reliability,” said Don Saunders, Amtrak Central Division General Superintendent.

Amtrak *Pere Marquette* ridership for the fiscal year-to-date (October 2006 through April 2007) was 56,827, an increase of 5.4 percent from the same period a year ago. The train often operates at full capacity, so passengers are reminded of the need to obtain reservations in advance from Amtrak.com, by calling 800-USA-RAIL, using a

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Quik-Traksm Ticket Express automated ticket machine (including the Grand Rapids, Holland, Saint Joseph and Chicago stations) or through a travel agent.

The plans for this temporary schedule change are correct as of the above date. If these plans are changed, Amtrak will notify passengers who have included personal contact telephone numbers with their reservations.

The *Pere Marquette* is financed primarily through funds made available by the Michigan Department of Transportation and with the support of Westrain, a grass-roots group representing the communities along the corridor. For more information about Westrain, visit

<http://www.gvmc.org/transportation/Westrain.shtml>.

About Amtrak

Amtrak provides intercity passenger rail services to more than 500 destinations in 46 states on a 21,000-mile route system. For schedules, fares and information, passengers may call 800-USA-RAIL or visit Amtrak.com.

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Amtrak *Pere Marquette* Temporary Schedule Effective June 4-21, 2007

Train 370 – Chicago to Grand Rapids – Eastbound *Pere Marquette*

5:20 p.m. CT	Depart Chicago, IL – Union Station
7:35 p.m. ET	New Buffalo, MI
8:03 p.m. ET	St. Joseph – Benton Harbor, MI
8:39 p.m. ET	Bangor, MI (South Haven)
9:21 p.m. ET	Holland, MI
10:20 p.m. ET	Arrive Grand Rapids, MI

Train 371 – Grand Rapids to Chicago – Westbound *Pere Marquette*

6:35 a.m. ET	Depart Grand Rapids, MI
7:21 a.m. ET	Holland, MI
8:02 a.m. ET	Bangor, MI (South Haven)
8:39 a.m. ET	St. Joseph – Benton Harbor, MI
9:06 a.m. ET	New Buffalo, MI
9:30 a.m. CT	Arrive Chicago, IL – Union Station

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